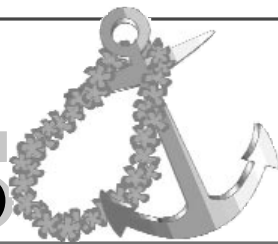


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IN BRIEF

CO detectors may be affected by recall

Carbon monoxide (CO) detectors that have been recently installed in Navy family housing units may be among those affected by a voluntary recall of the alarms, announced last Friday by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The recall affects two brands of the detectors made by Kidde Safety Co., the nation's largest manufacturer of carbon monoxide alarms. Included in the recall are the company's Nighthawk alarms made between Nov. 8, 1998 and March 9, 1999, and Lifesaver models made between June 1, 1997 and Jan. 31, 1998.

The Navy Family Housing Office asks housing residents to leave installed detectors in place. The CO detectors are not harmful, and do not present a hazard or safety risk. The devices are designed to detect harmful gas. Testing of the detectors by the manufacturer revealed that some devices gave incorrect readings while others did not give off an alarm. There is no way at this time to easily determine which ones are operating correctly, and which ones may be malfunctioning.

Navy Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) is working with the company for a Navy-wide solution, of which Oahu will be a part. NAVFAC is currently investigating the extent of the problem and will determine the appropriate steps to take to correct it. As soon as that determination has been made, housing residents will be informed. Until then, the Navy Family Housing Office asks residents to not call the company or attempt to return the Navy-issued units under the recall.

These CO detectors have been installed in Navy homes in Halsey Terrace, McGrew Point, Halawa, Little Makalapa, Makalapa, Iroquois Point and Hale Moku which have gas appliances. Approximately half of our homes with gas appliances received the unit before the recall was announced. The remainder will receive operational detectors after the recall question is resolved.

For more information, contact your Housing area manager.

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Electron Marathon: Seabees compete in electric car race.

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U.S. forces participate in NATO strike on Serbian targets

Navy News Service

NATO forces began "Operation Allied Force" on Wednesday with a series of air strikes against Serbian military targets at approximately 2 p.m. (EST).

Cruise missiles from NATO aircraft and ships at sea were launched to attack Serbian air defenses to reduce the potential for civilian casualties or other collateral damage.

NATO and U.S. defense officials declined Wednesday night to confirm operational details of the strikes, but news media embarked in USS Philippine Sea (CG 58) reported seeing missiles being fired earlier in the day from Philippine Sea and USS Gonzales (CG 66). NATO manned aircraft — fighters, bombers, tankers and surveillance aircraft — are also participating in these operations.

"The men and women in the U.S. military participating in this NATO operation are well trained and dedicated professionals," said Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Henry H. Shelton during a news conference at the Pentagon.

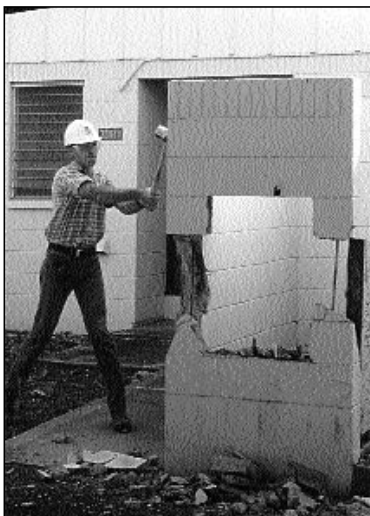
"I'm confident that they will continue to carry out their assigned mission with the skill and courage that are the hallmark of U.S. Armed Forces."

During an earlier news conference, President Clinton said that there are three objectives of today's action: to demonstrate the seriousness of NATO's opposition to Serb aggression and its support for peace; to deter President Milosevic from continuing and escalating his attacks on helpless civilians by imposing a price for those attacks; and to damage Serbia's capacity to wage war against Kosovo in

the future by seriously diminishing its military capabilities.

"As I have repeatedly said to the American people," emphasized Clinton, "this action is not risk-free; it carries risks. And I ask for the prayers of all Americans for our men and women in uniform in the area."

More than 6,500 Sailors and Marines are aboard U.S. Navy ships currently operating in the Sixth Fleet area: Philippine Sea, USS Thorn (DD 988), Gonzales, USS Nicholson (DD 982), USS Norfolk (SSN 714), USS Miami (SSN 755), USS La Salle (AGF 3), USS Monongahela (AO 178), USS Grapple (ARS 53), USS Nassau (LHA 4) with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) embarked, USS Nashville (LPD 13) and USS Pensacola (LSD 38).



Karen Spangler photo

Out with the old ...

Gerald Young, project superintendent for Hunt Building Corporation sledgehammers a wall at the Hokulani housing unit on Monday. Representatives from Navy Region Hawaii, Navy Housing, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction and Hunt Building Corporation took part in a "wall-breaking" ceremony for the Hokulani housing revitalization project. Approximately 190 two, three and four-bedroom units for junior enlisted Sailors will be renovated under the project. Kitchens and bathrooms of the units will be renovated and the flooring and doors will be replaced. New vinyl siding and windows will be installed. Energy efficient solar water heating and air conditioning systems will be installed. The project also includes construction of new trash enclosures and the repair of existing carparks and exterior storage sheds. The entire project is scheduled for completion by September 2000.

Pacific Fleet ONE on ONE

Rear Adm. Martin E. Janczak
Deputy Chief of Staff for Shore Installation Management,
U.S. Pacific Fleet

By J01(SW/FMF) S.A. Thornbloom

PACIFIC FLEET PUBLIC AFFAIRS



This is the another in a series of interviews with the leadership of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and the Navy. Rear Adm. Janczak reported to his position at the U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters on Oct. 1, 1998. A surface line officer, Janczak entered the Navy in 1968 and was commissioned in March 1969. His sea-duty assignments include tours of duty aboard USS John W. Thomason (DD 760) as gunnery officer; aboard USS Bauer (DE 1025) as weapons officer; aboard USS Elmer Montgomery (FF 1082) as weapons officer and his final active duty tour was aboard USS Hermitage (LSD 34) as chief engineer. In 1976, after a tour of duty as the naval operations and navigation professor at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., Janczak joined the Fleet Reserves and settled in Temple, Texas, working and commanding a number of reserve centers and commands. He was promoted to flag rank in 1995 and recalled to active duty in 1996. He is a native of Joseph, Mo. His last duty station was as Commander of U.S. Naval Forces in the Marianas.

Q. What is Shore Installation Management responsible for?

A. I believe we are the largest directorate in the CINCPACFLT headquarters area with about 75 people in eight divisions of the directorate. Our overall mission is to supervise the entire shore-based infrastructure. That encompasses a large geographical area from the Rocky Mountains all the way to Diego Garcia as well as the diversity in each one of those bases. We also provide the shore-based infrastructure support to the operating forces.

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Hawkbill departs for annual Arctic science cruise

Final expedition also marks final deployment for Hawkbill

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USS Hawkbill (SSN 666), a Sturgeon-class fast-attack submarine got underway for its second consecutive scientific mission in the Arctic. Submarine Arctic Science Cruise 1999 (SCICEX 99) is a result of a 1994 agreement between the U.S.

Navy and the civilian science community calling for five annual submarine science expeditions under the Arctic. SCICEX 99 is the fifth and final in the series. "I'm really excited about this particular expedition," said William Ray, Ice Pilot from the Arctic Submarine Laboratory in San Diego. "This will be the first in-depth sonar survey of the ocean floor," he added.

Rear Adm. Al Konetzni Jr., Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet was also on hand for the Hawkbill departure and discussed the bittersweet fact that this is the final arctic science expedition, the last deployment for a Pacific submarine force Sturgeon-class submarine,

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VP-9 Maintenance department recognized as fleet's finest

By Lt. Cmdr. T.A. McIntyre
VP-9

Each year, Commander, Patrol Wings U. S. Pacific Fleet (CPWP) recognizes superior P-3C aircraft maintenance performance with the AVCM Donald M. Neal Aircraft Maintenance Golden Wrench Award. A winner is selected from all Pacific Fleet Maritime Patrol Aviation (MPA) squadrons. MPA squadrons fly the four-engine turboprop P-3C in a wide variety of mission areas from undersea warfare to reconnaissance and surveillance.

This year's Golden Wrench award winners are the Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9)

Golden Eagles, homeported at Naval Air Station Barbers Point. VP-9 outperformed all other Pacific Fleet MPA squadrons in the arena of aircraft maintenance.

The Golden Eagle Maintenance Department, led by Maintenance Officers Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Hannes and Lt. Cmdr. Rob Spohnholtz, was evaluated on its ability to provide the squadron with the necessary aircraft assets to complete assigned operational and training commitments over an 18-month evaluation period, ending in December, 1998. This period typically provides the squadron the opportunity to

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NMCRS budget counseling offers solution, guidance to financial freedom

By J03 Brenda Diggs
HNN STAFF WRITER

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers servicemembers solutions and guidance to financial freedom through their Budget Counseling Program. NMCRS, a nonprofit organization, provides financial and educational assistance to members of the sea services.

The Budget Counseling Program conducts training, educational classes and remedial financial counseling for individuals, commands

and General Military Training, according to Paul Belanger, Executive Director for the NMCRS Hawaiian Auxiliary.

"We give members a chance to help themselves, before their financial situation gets out of hand," said Belanger.

Trained volunteers and caseworkers that are familiar with service life evaluate cases and provide a financial breakdown to help organize finances. This service can help you to use your pay to its maximum advantage.

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Month of Military Child proclamation reflects Navy's commitment to keiki

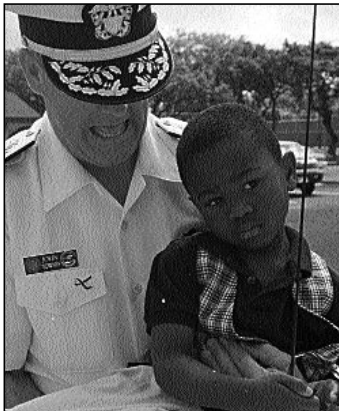
By J01 David Nagle
HNN EDITOR

With the stroke of a pen, Navy Hawaii's regional commander joined base and local community agencies in pledging to protect "our most precious asset."

Rear Admiral John W. Townes, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii signed a proclamation designating April as "Month of the Military Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month" during a short ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Family Service Center on March 16.

More than a dozen children from Pearl Harbor's Child Development Centers, Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School, Aliamanu Intermediate School and Radford High School looked on as the admiral signed what he terms as "a living document" that parents and family members can use to remember their responsibility in raising and protecting children.

"Child Abuse Prevention Month helps raise the awareness level for our Navy ohana because it's a simple fact that a child's quality of life starts at home," Townes said. "One of



J01 David Nagle photo

Gregory Cleveland assists Rear Admiral John Townes III in tying a blue ribbon on the Admiral's car antenna.

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